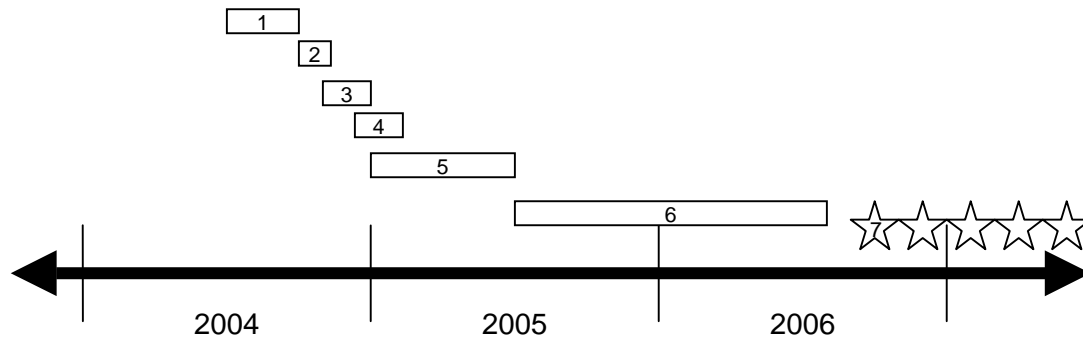


## KidsFirst Project Timeline



Activity	Time Period
1. Task Force establishes proposed design for Quality Ratings and Tiered Reimbursement program	June 2004 to September 2004
2. Public hearings	October 2004
3. Task Force reviews and acts on proposed revisions to program.  Technical assistance support programs identified for inclusion.  Final program developed into budget proposal for Governor.	November 2004 to December 2004
4. Governor and staff review budget proposal for inclusion in Governor's biennial budget request to the legislature	December 2004 to January 2005
5. Legislature considers, then passes biennial budget bill. Governor reviews for vetoes, then signs the biennial budget.  DWD and DHFS develop project implementation plan.	January 2005 to June/July 2005
6. Development of Quality Ratings and Tiered Reimbursement program  DWD makes changes to automated systems in order to implement the Quality Ratings/Tiered Reimbursement program. Changes include establishing linkages with DHFS Bureau of Regulation and Licensing, the Registry, Child Care Resource and Referral agencies, DPI Food Program, and others.  DWD and DHFS pursue changes to administrative rule language to enable program implementation. DWD Child Care Section notifies federal DHHS of impending changes to subsidy program.  DWD conducts public information campaign to prepare child care providers for new program.  Technical assistance components put into place.  Program evaluation component contracted out and then developed.	July 2005 to July 2006
7. Quality Ratings/Tiered Reimbursement Program begins.	July 2006